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TUCSON FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS MAN OF TRANSPORTING AND HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on February 12, 2004, Jose Lino Flores-Campa, D.O.B. 1/28/1949, of Altar, Sonora, Mexico, was found guilty of two counts of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii), Transportation of Illegal Aliens, and one count of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii) by a federal jury at Tucson, Arizona.

The evidence showed at trial that on August 7, 2003, Jose Lino Flores-Campa was driving a Ford pickup truck with five illegal aliens, including three in the open bed of the truck, when stopped by United States Border Patrol Agents on Scrub Brush Road and Anway Road near Marana, Arizona. Defendant claimed that he was just helping the people by taking them to a store. Mr. Flores-Campa also told Border Patrol Agents that there were more people on his property in a red and white mobile home. Border Patrol Agents subsequently found eighteen additional illegal aliens hiding in a red and white mobile home on defendant's property a few miles away. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Frank R. Zapata on February 10-12, 2004.

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A conviction for Transportation of Illegal Aliens carries a maximum penalty of not more than ten years in the Bureau of Prisons, a \$250,000 fine, or both, and not more than three years supervised release. A conviction for Harboring Illegal Aliens carries a maximum penalty of not more than ten years in the Bureau of Prisons, a \$250,000 fine, or both, and not more than three years supervised release.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the United States Border Patrol.

Sentencing is set before Judge Frank R. Zapata on April 26, 2004.

The prosecution was handled by Jeffrey H. Jacobson, Assistant United States Attorney,
District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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